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# Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 20, 2009**. Continuous rainfall across the state has halted fieldwork and harvesting operations in many areas, but was a welcomed relief to portions of central and southern Mississippi. Producers are concerned about field conditions, crop quality, and any potential damage the surplus precipitation may bring. Armyworms are still being reported in scattered fields. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 50 percent adequate and 49 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 09/20/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	100	99	100	100
Corn, harvested	79	76	75	90
Corn Silage, harvested	100	100	96	99
Cotton, open bolls	70	64	76	88
Cotton, harvested	0	0	2	16
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	93	91	91	93
Peanuts, harvested	0	0	5	--
Rice, mature	95	82	91	94
Rice, harvested	28	26	37	60
Sorghum, mature	99	97	93	99
Sorghum, harvested	46	43	65	90
Soybeans, turning color	78	71	80	94
Soybeans, dropping leaves	56	50	60	85
Soybeans, harvested	29	26	28	62
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	25	20	22	31

Crop condition for week ending 09/20/09

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	5	17	33	42	3
Cotton	1	9	29	54	7
Hay	0	10	33	47	10
Livestock	1	3	29	56	11
Pasture	1	8	28	53	10
Peanuts	0	10	19	43	28
Rice	0	4	29	55	12
Sorghum	1	3	48	41	7
Soybeans	3	11	25	48	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	50	50	0

## Comments

“Because of all the recent rains, harvest has been put on hold. More rain is being predicted. Hopefully farmers will be able to return to the fields later in the week. Some rice is down around the county and farmers are waiting to see what damage, if any, has occurred to their soybeans.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“One full week of rain has stopped all pasture work and hay harvesting. Fall armyworm infestations continue to build; however, no spraying can be done due to the rains. Approximately 20% of the ryegrass acreage has been planted. Most producers need one more cutting of hay to secure enough hay for winter.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Over six inches of rain since September 11 has brought all fieldwork and harvest operations to a halt.

— Robert Martin, Issaquena & Sharkey

“Field conditions have deteriorated greatly within the last week as the result of continued rain. Quality of both soybeans and corn are being compromised. Cotton that has only just started opening is still in good condition, but will also deteriorate rapidly with continued rain.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Surplus rains have benefited water table, but has made hay harvesting very difficult.”

— Amanda Walker Lawrence

“It was a horrible week for growers. We got about 10 inches of rain.”  
— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Rain stopped all fieldwork including the harvesting of soybeans.”  
— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“As I write this on Friday morning, we have had six to nine inches of rain in five days depending on where you are in the county. Milo is sprouting in the heads. Armyworms are showing up again in millets and hay fields.”  
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rain throughout the week halted all field activities.”  
— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Wet, rainy weather is taking its toll on the soybean and cotton crop.”  
— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Rain is causing major damage to crops still in the field. If wet weather continues, we could lose the remaining crops in the field.”  
— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“This past week's rainfall prevented hay cutting in most cases, but prevented drying in all cases that I know about. Fall planting of winter forages is being delayed because of the continuous rain events.”  
— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Much needed rains over the last week are getting water tables near the average level.”  
— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

“Rain has halted most of the harvest activities in my area. There is rain predicted most of next week. We will see what happens. I guess all we can do is see what Mother Nature throws at us and roll with the punches.”  
— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Due to late season rains, soybeans will rot. Hay crops will be in low quality due to rains delaying harvest.”  
— Randy Smith, Covington

“We finally got some much needed rain. We may have a chance to get a late cutting of hay, which is needed. Ryegrass is being planted on prepared seed bed.”  
— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 09/20/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
<b>Upper Delta</b>													
Cleveland	85	69	76	75	1	5.76	4.99	5	6.52				
Clarksdale	84	69	76	74	2	2.85	2.15	5	3.08				
Lambert 1W	85	71	77			5.01	4.24	6	5.64				
Tunica 2N	82	69	75	73	2	2.96	2.33	5	4.51				
<b>North-Central</b>													
Batesville 2SW	85	69	76	73	3	3.49	2.72	7	5.11				
Calhoun City	86	70	77	73	4	2.66	1.82	7	4.03				
Hickory Flat	83	67	74	72	2	6.24	5.31	7	8.72				
Holly Springs 4N	83	67	74	71	3	4.23	3.39	7	5.11				
Independence	82	68	75	72	3	2.44	1.60	7	3.35				
Oxford	83	68	75	72	3	3.58	2.69	7	5.50				
Water Valley	83	69	76	73	3	3.35	2.58	5	3.64				
<b>Northeast</b>													
Booneville	84	66	74	72	2	4.75	3.87	7	7.04				
Corinth 7SW	83	68	75	74	1	4.15	3.12	6	6.69				
Tupelo 2	83	69	76			5.66	0.00	7	6.80				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	84	68	76	74	2	4.15	3.17	7	4.92				
Verona	87	69	77	74	3	3.85	2.87	7	5.73				
<b>Lower Delta</b>													
Belzoni	88	70	78	75	3	3.37	2.69	6	8.43				
Moorhead	85	69	77	76	1	6.99	6.15	7	10.23				
Rolling Fork	89	70	79	75	4	3.31	2.61	5	5.41				
Yazoo City 5NNE	90	72	80	76	4	1.88	1.23	4	3.03				
<b>Central</b>													
Canton 4N	88	69	78	75	3	1.09	0.39	5	2.29				
Carthage	87	71	78	75	3	2.80	1.96	4	5.46				
Eupora 2E	84	69	76	73	3	4.43	3.52	6	5.95				
Forest 3S	89	68	78	75	3	1.20	0.34	5	4.21				
Kosciusko	85	70	77	75	2	1.88	1.04	5	6.38				
Lexington 2NNW	88	70	78	74	4	2.62	1.92	3	4.10				
Winona 5E	84	68	76	71	5	3.63	2.73	7	5.62				
<b>East-Central</b>													
Aberdeen	86	69	77	73	4	5.79	4.88	6	6.55				
Columbus	86	67	77	75	2	4.74	3.89	5	6.84				
Macon	86	69	78	74	4	3.18	2.34	7	6.08				
State University	87	69	77	74	3	5.46	4.62	6	7.12				
<b>Southwest</b>													
Brookhaven City	89	68	78	75	3	0.76	-0.14	4	1.51				
Crystal Springs Exp	91	68	78	76	2	1.71	0.65	6	3.91				
Natchez	89	70	79	76	3	0.72	-0.12	5	4.89				
Oakley Exp Stn	92	66	79	75	4	1.46	0.76	5	2.54				
Port Gibson 1NE	91	69	79	74	5	1.02	0.18	4	1.51				
Vicksburg	90	71	79			1.46	0.00	4	2.11				
Woodville 4ESE	88	69	78	77	1	2.59	1.31	3	2.92				
<b>South-Central</b>													
Collins	85	69	76	75	1	3.50	2.52	4	7.40				
Columbia	91	72	81	76	5	2.72	1.74	4	6.11				
Monticello	92	71	80	76	4	2.38	1.49	4	4.99				
Raleigh 6N	88	68	77			2.77	0.00	7	4.14				
Tylertown 5ESE	87	70	78	77	1	2.47	1.53	4	5.66				
<b>Southeast</b>													
Hattiesburg	89	69	78	77	1	1.82	0.81	5	4.88				
Laurel	87	68	79	75	4	4.94	3.90	7	5.59				
Newton Exp	88	68	78	74	4	4.27	3.43	6	6.85				
Waynesboro 2W	89	70	81	75	6	2.93	1.82	6	7.05				
<b>Coastal State</b>	92	66	77	75	2	3.33	2.45	6	5.69				

DFN = Departure from Normal.